

Naxal activities in urban areas

†2325. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite organizations are now spreading their wings in urban areas, alongwith rural areas;

(b) if so, the information with Government in this regard; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Available reports indicate that naxalites are trying to extend their influence in certain urban areas through their front organizations and supporting groups. Although the emphasis of the naxalites is on an agrarian armed revolution, they are using urban areas for propaganda activities, mobilizing support for their cause and for logistics.

(c) The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to address the naxal problem on political, security, development and public perception management fronts. Suitable action as per relevant laws is taken by the State Police whenever any criminal or underground activity on the part of naxalites in urban areas comes to notice.

Long-term visas to foreign professionals

2326. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to grant long-term visas to foreign professionals (CEO's) on reciprocal basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Home Ministry is against any such move, for security reasons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) what are the criterion to select the countries for granting visas this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) A foreign technician/expert coming to India in pursuance of a bilateral/collaborative agreement between the Government of India and the foreign government could be granted an employment visa for the duration of the agreement, or for a period of five years, whichever is less. However, a foreigner coming to India for employment not covered by bilateral/collaborative agreements, is granted an employment visa initially for one year. Further extensions are granted subject to validity of contract and security clearance etc. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to make any changes in these provisions for foreign professionals (CEOs).

Human Rights Commissions in States

†2327. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in the country where Human Rights Commissions have not been constituted;

(b) the number of cases covered till date by the Human Rights Commission and the action taken by Government thereupon,

(c) the quantum of amount allotted, till now, for the Human Rights Commission in States; and

(d) the State wherein maximum violation of human rights has taken place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The following ten States have not constituted Human Rights Commissions:

Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, and Uttaranchal.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected.

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